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Applicants : Toshihiro TANAKA et al. **Confirmation No.: 1079**  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2009. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on August 31, 2009 (August 29, 2009 being a Saturday), no Extension of Time or additional fee is believed due at this time. However, if any Extension of Time is necessary the same is hereby requested and if any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.